

Listing of Claims

1. (currently amended) Method of cutting and machining a continuous strip of sheet metal, comprising the steps of:
 - feeding out a continuous strip of sheet metal,
 - cutting the continuous strip into finite lengths by making a wave shaped cut between each length and the immediately subsequent length thereby leaving the forward edge and the following edge of each sheet metal length wave shaped,
 - firmly holding in a subsequent operation, said forward and following edges of each length by means of clamps covering at least the wave shaped forward and following edges of each sheet metal length and
 - machining the exposed portion of each said firmly held length by pressing, stamping or die cutting.
2. (cancelled)
3. (cancelled)
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5. (cancelled)
6. (cancelled)
7. (cancelled)
8. (new) Method according to claim 1, wherein the continuous strip is cut perpendicularly with respect to the feeding direction.
9. (new) Method according to claim 1, wherein the continuous strip is cut obliquely with respect to the feeding direction.

10. (new) Method according to claim 1, wherein the wave shaped edge portions are sinusoidal.